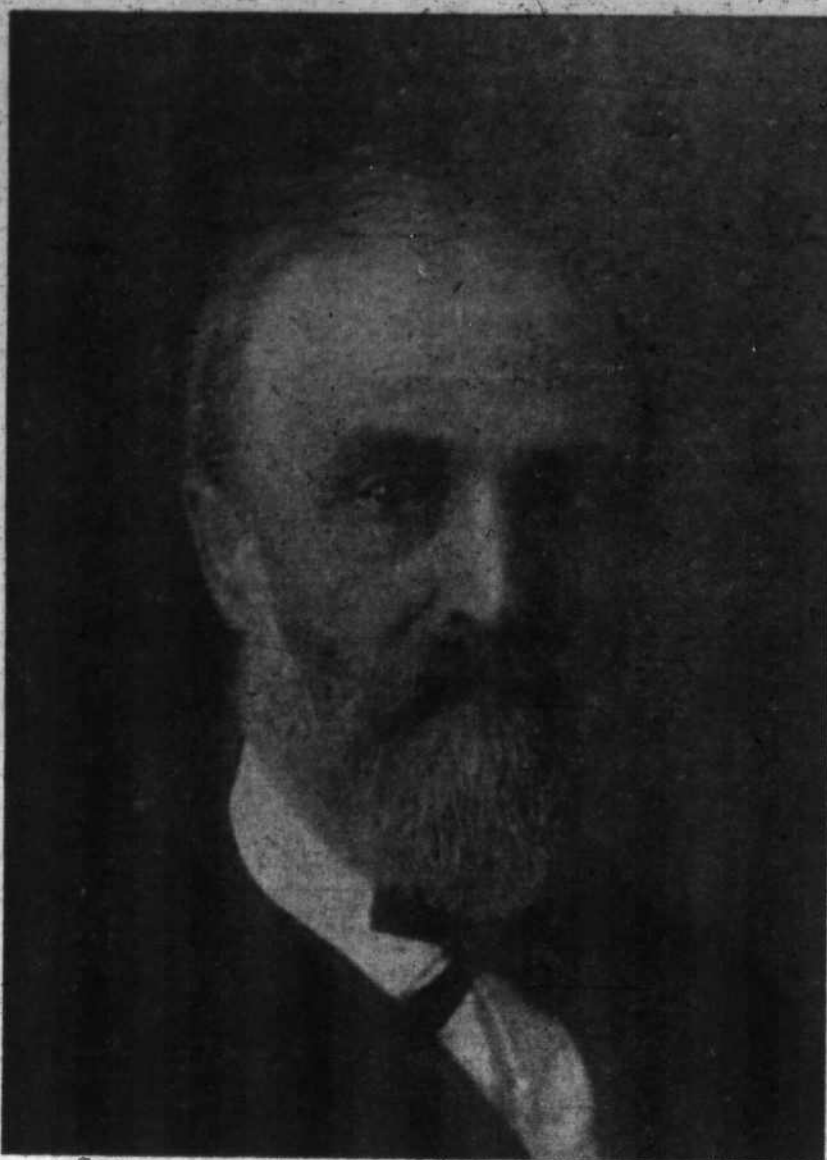


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B. M. Yeager

Brown McLauren Yeager, aged seventy-six, died January 22, 1924, at 10:20 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Gatewood. He had been in rather poor health for the past year, and on Wednesday of last week he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never completely rallied, though he was able to recognize his children and speak to them shortly before his death. He had been visiting the Gatewoods here since last June.

Deceased was born in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, October 8th, 1848. In 1871 he married Miss Harriet Elizabeth Arbogast, to which union there were born six sons and four daughters as follows: Attorney J. W. Yeager, Marlinton; Mrs. W. B. Sharp, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. M. Yeager, Marlinton; Attorney L. A. Yeager, (deceased) Morgantown; Sterling B. Yeager, Marlinton; Mrs. W. B. Gatewood, (deceased) Huntington; Mrs. A. W. Gatewood, Pulaski; Mrs. Harry C. Carroll, Cumberland, Md.; Bruce Yeager, Marlinton; Paul R. Yeager, Gretna, Va.

Mrs. Yeager died in 1917 and Mr.

Yeager was married to Mrs. Eliza Shufey, of Staunton, Va., who died November first, 1922.

Mr. Yeager was very prominent in West Virginia affairs. For many years he was connected with the late Colonel John T. McGraw in the purchase and development of timber and coal lands, and was largely instrumental in the Greenbrier Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

He was later associated with the late Henry G. Davis in West Virginia real estate affairs.

For number of years Mr. Yeager served as commissioner of waste and forfeited lands for Pocahontas County and represented his county in state legislature at Charleston from 1914 to 1918.

During the last few years of his life he spent a large portion of his time purchasing and consolidating coal and timber lands in Eastern Kentucky for various interests.

Mr. Yeager enjoyed excellent health until about a year ago when he suffered an attack of influenza from the effect of which he gradually went into a decline.

Pulaski, Va. Times.

SILVER BLACK FOXES

Withrow McClintic has bought two or more pairs of silver black foxes, and is preparing to go into the fox breeding business. At the instance of Mr. McClintic, the following article was written for this paper by Mat E. Woolcott, a breeder of silver black foxes.

To the people of Marlinton and vicinity this article is given to make you realize that the Silver Fox business has come to stay and the people who become engaged in it are in a very profitable and industry.

The U. S. government bulletin No. 1151, states, that Silver Fox Farming has attracted wide attention, chiefly because of the enormous profits derived from the sale of pelts and breeding stock. As a fur animal raised in captivity the silver fox has no rival and both live foxes and their pelts are in great demand. Probably no other live stock enterprise pays larger returns for money invested.

No more better time has ever existed in which to start fox farming than right now. The demand for the pelt is becoming more every year caused by the publicity that has been given the industry, therefore, those who make their start now will be assured of a constant and growing market for the animal they produce.

What is a Silver Black Fox?
The silver black fox is a rare color type of the common North American red fox and not a specie as it is commonly supposed. In the state of nature, the silver black fox rarely occurs. So rare is this type of fox that only a few pelts have been taken from the wild. For many years the fur of this type of a fox has brought great prices.

The silver black fox for the last ten years has been raised in very limited number in captivity and very few pelts have been sold. By careful line breeding ranchmen have fixed the color of this fox until they bred true to type.

The difference between a black fox and a silver black fox.

The jet black fox has an under fur, called the mat, of dark mouse color. This heavy fur being over laid with long guard hairs that are jet black the entire length. In the silver black fox, the under fur or mat is a mouse color the same as the jet black fox while a few of the guard hairs are silvered. These silver guard hairs are black at both ends and have a silver band in the middle. The silver black fox should only have about fifty per cent of the long guard hairs that have the silver band. The effect being to show a black animal with the silver sheen.

Why are silver black foxes so valuable?

The silver black fox cannot be successfully imitated by any other kind of fur. The rare color of this fox is a distinctive type in itself. If you will examine closely a genuine silver black fox pelt you cannot help but become impressed with the wonderful textures of these magnificent skins, and there is no other fur that has such a softening appearance when properly made up ready to wear as a silver black fox skin. There is no other fur in the world similar to it, and probably there is no other fur that has such an interesting history as silver black fox pelts.

The market in the United States alone has not been scratched yet as far as silver black fox pelts is concerned and with proper publicity, it is estimated that 100,000 silver black fox pelts could be marketed annually at the same price that prevails today. Outside of New York City and Chicago and a few other large cities silver black foxes are practically unknown to the fur shops.

The reason for this is that there are not enough produced today to enable dealers to advertise and feature these beautiful furs. When the time comes that there will be a sufficient number to warrant this advertising, we can expect to receive equally as high prices as we are receiving today, and perhaps higher.

The United States has about 2500 pair of silver black foxes. The demand for breeding stock is enormous at the present time and as few of the ranchers are selling any pelts, and none of them of their best pelts. From all indications the United States will not be able to raise sufficient fox to supply the demand for breeding stock for the next ten years.

Domestication of the silver black fox was first accomplished by E. T. Outton and Charles Dalton, trappers on Prince Edward Island, Canada. These men found a den in the woods with several silver black fox puppies which they kept confined in an old barn. As the offspring of these foxes grew to maturity they were pelted, the furs being sent to London where they brought fabulous prices. Outton and Dalton tried to keep their business a secret but their increased income from the sale of pelts led to its discovery by the neighbors and soon others became engaged in the business.

Scores of men are now in the business and are rated in six figures and one rancher on Prince Edward Island is credited with having made a cool million or more out of the business within the last seven years.

Foxes are now being raised on a large scale in Canada and the United States. One cannot tell the unlimited possibilities of the fox industry by just reading about it. The opportunities for making money as well as the increasing demand for this fine fur must be investigated to be understood. The little silver black fox has proved to be a very profitable silent partner to its active partner. Unlike the cow, that is a mere machine for producing milk and very limited

in its productive period. The silver fox produces in one season a pelt that brings more money than a cow produces during its entire life, and does not require the time, labor and care as does the cow or any other stock that is raised on the farm. Human nature does not change, people must milk and people will have furs that the fur supply from the wild state is doomed, there is no question about that. Already the wild fur has been caught off in many sections of the country. Even in Alaska, the last stand of the fur bears, these animals have become exceedingly scarce. So it is a question, where will you get your fox furs?

There is only one answer to the question and that is a new style farmer must supply them. With this point in view many farmers have become successful fur farmers and have made far more profit than any other line of farming known.

It is no more difficult to feed foxes than any kind of stock, the same principles apply to raising foxes that do to any stock, just common horse sense about feeding and keeping the pens clean.

A few facts on the fox industry.

Animals mature and breed at one year of age.

Foxes are being sold for breeding purposes mostly, only inferior ones being pelted. Less than half a dozen European cities demand more pelts than can be supplied. The Silver Fox has always been a fur of Royalty and for that reason we see so few in this country. It has been practically impossible at the present time to pay to advertise and feature them.

If every Silver Fox in the world were pelted in November and December when the fur is prime they could all be disposed in the city the size of New York in less than a week at a fabulous sum.

How many Silver fox scarfs have you seen worn? perhaps one or two, but probably none.

How many people do you know of who could buy a good silver fox fur?

Statistics show that there are nearly as many millionaires in the United States alone as there are Silver Foxes in the world.

But one doesn't need to be a millionaire to purchase a silver fox scarf, any more to buy an automobile.

When you stop to think of the small number of Silver Foxes there are in the whole world and the hundreds of thousands of good prospective buyers of Silver Fox furs you can perhaps appreciate the possibilities this wonderful industry has to offer for those who become engaged in it.

As stated above most foxes are being sold for breeding purposes but if we were pelting them and the price drops off half of what they are selling for now, there then would be a tremendous profit in raising them.

The extent of the success in the business however depends largely upon the quality of the product. You can not expect to realize such big returns from inferior animals as from high grade, registered and pedigreed stock.

A bull or cow may sell for \$50.00, and an other may sell for \$10,000. The same principle applies to foxes.

Some foxes are cheap at \$5,000; while others are expensive at \$100.

We have a worthy fox breeders association where all records are kept and its standards are high.

Foxes registered in this association must first be inspected for quality of fur as well as purity of breeding.

The association also maintains an advanced registry for foxes that score 85 or more points out of a possible 100 when scored by its official inspectors.

The largest and most progressive fox breeders are members of the Association.

If you are a farmer your wife, son, or daughter can care for a few pair of foxes as easily and economically as a flock of chickens can be cared for.

If you are a business man and want a profitable hobby, buy one or more pairs of foxes. Leave them on the ranch where purchased, and sell the increase each year for pelts or breeders. Your returns will far exceed your expectations.

High grade breeding stock can be purchased at reasonable prices.

Ideal pens can be built from fifty to seventy-five dollars.

The cost of feed will average about \$40 a pair.

The average increase from two to six.

A fox requires about the same food as a dog.

A fox is a very hardy animal and after he becomes a month old there is but little danger of loss.

The breeding life of a fox is between 12 and 15 years.

By starting with the right kind of stock and using common horse sense there is no reason why anyone should not meet with the best of success in the Silver Fox Business.

We have the whole world for our market and we can reach it without giving it to the railroads or freight.

And you can not raise foxes everywhere.

Cash business, no accounts to lose.



"Coming"

A Treat For Marlinton

Rev. E. L. Eaton, Secretary of Life Work Dept. Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, Rev. E. L. Eaton is on a tour through the East and Atlantic states speaking on inspirational subjects, such as "A layman's call to the ministry," "My Life Work-What is it?" "Important Factors in Success," etc. His lectures are highly spoken for by William Jennings Bryan and others throughout Methodism. Here is an opportunity for all to hear a representative speaker on great themes. The Pastor Rev. J. H. Billingsley sincerely hopes that the people of Marlinton will hear Rev. Eaton, at the morning and evening services Sunday, Feb. 17, Marlinton Methodist Church. Cordial welcome to all. Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

NEW FAIR GROUND

One of the prettiest fair grounds to be seen in the state is near the county seat Marlinton, W. Va. It is situated on the beautiful Greenbrier River. Behind and in front is a range of mountains which gives the grounds a beautiful setting. It has a half-mile race track, splendid barns and poultry and agricultural buildings. This fair was organized by the sale of stock, a share costing ten dollars. By this means a great many were enabled to take stock and thus become boosters of the association. Farmers all over the county and in adjoining counties have already begun to breed and exhibit better livestock. Mr. S. B. Wallace, a druggist in Marlinton, is president of the association and has given, perhaps, more time to it than any other man, and he has given the time without any compensation whatever.

The land bought by the association was owned by Pat Gay, who among many others extended many courtesies to the writer. The bluest man I saw while in the county was the county agent, Mr. Willey. He put in fully fifteen hours at work every day I was in the county. Many farmers said to me in speaking of the county agent, "He is a good worker." County and home demonstration agents have very great responsibilities resting upon their shoulders, and I am glad to say that most of them fully appreciate the same. Taken as a class there is no body of men or women which is doing more good.—W. D. Zinn, in National Stockman

FOR THE LEGISLATURE

J. G. Hamrick, of Beard, gets into the running this week as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates. He is a young farmer of the Levels District, and has had experience as a school teacher. He has considerable ability as a public speaker, and we believe he will make good in the legislature.

with two or more pair of Advanced Registered Foxes, from as good a strain of Prince Edwards Island Foxes as there is in the country.

Further information will be gladly given on request.

Private Winters Dunbrack, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dunbrack, of Marlinton, and Private Aaron Ryder, who has made his home for some considerable time with Mrs. C. L. Moore, of Huntersville, have recently joined the army and have chosen the 10th. U. S. Infantry in which to serve their first three years enlistment periods. He has been assigned to Company "B".

The 10th. Infantry, stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., is one of the oldest regiments in the army. During the World War Captain Norman E. Price, of Marlinton, served for nearly two years as a surgeon in this regiment.

The Poultry team from the University of West Virginia attended the Poultry Show at Madison Square Garden, New York, in January and carried off two of the medals offered for best judging. L. N. Coyner, of Cloverlick, won the gold medal. Mr. Coyner has a poultry yard at Cloverlick where he raises full blooded White Leghorns of the best laying strain. This promises to be one of the largest poultry yards in the state.—Morgantown News.

As this paper goes to press the word is received of the sudden death of Moffett Smith, at Richmond, from an overdose of medicine. He was a native of White Sulphur, a brother of George Smith, of Marlinton, and he has lived at Cass for many years.

Specials

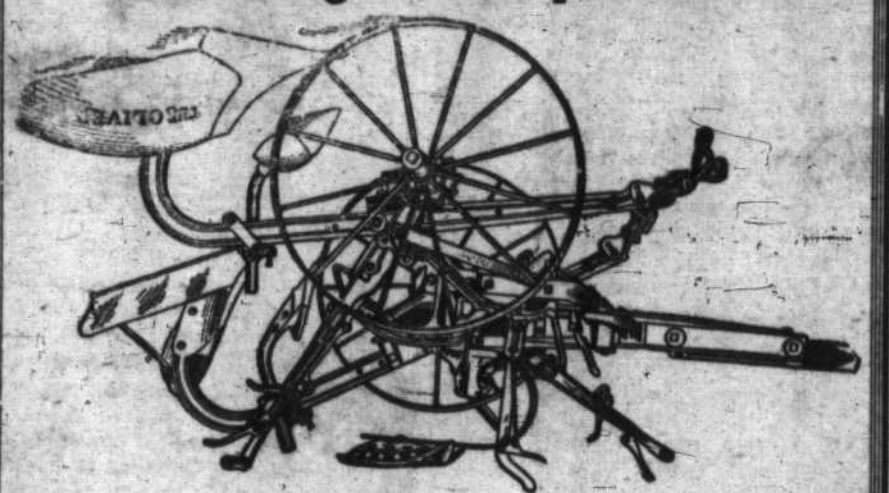
There will be a special price on different articles at our STORE during the entire year 1924. These prices will be given to our regular customers.

We have a special on GROCERIES beginning February 1st. Just a small saving but it all counts.

Come in and look our prices over.

The Peoples Store & Supply Co.
Marlinton, West Virginia

Special Closing Out of Riding 2-Way Plows



The spring plowing is now at hand. Make farm life easy and attractive by using the Oliver Reversible Sulky Plow. I am offering these plows at a most attractive price. They have been in stock long enough to make the price so much lower than the present market as to cause surprise. Good on hillside as well as level land; no dead-furrow or back ridges. Buy one and enjoy plowing; easy on man and beast. Big stock and attractive price.



This reduction sale of plows also embraces the famous Oliver Sulky No. 23. Come in and see how cheap are the things you need.

C. J. RICHARDSON
Marlinton, W. Va.

BUILDINGS

The Marlinton Electric Company is putting brick and other material on the ground for their large store building on 3rd Avenue. They have bought an adjoining lot from George Lightner.

George Lightner has bought a lot on Main Street and will move his restaurant building on it. He will veneer it with brick to comply with the fire ordinance requirements.

J. W. Kirkpatrick is preparing to build a meat shop 16x24 on his lots next door to The Times office. It will be brick veneer, and occupied by W. H. Hiner.

It is reported that Andrew and Harper Thomas have bought the Household building on Main Street, occupied by McCoy's Grocery.

John T. Nelson has bought E. M. Arborast's block of buildings next to C. J. Richardson's store.

The series of special services at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. J. E. Flow, D. D., Evangelist of Greenbrier Presbytery, continue, with growing interest. Large crowds are attending, and many are being led to make a public profession of their faith.

"THE WHITE SISTER" TO BE HERE SOON

Lillian Gish's triumphant success, "The White Sister," is announced for its premier at the Amusu Theatre on March 12th and 13th, and Cass, 14th and 12th.

"The White Sister" was made in Italy with the cooperation of the Italian Government. It has been characterized as one of the most beautiful films ever screened.

In addition to the superb acting of Miss Gish, who plays the role in which Viola Allen starred so successfully on the speaking stage, "The White Sister" has many thrilling spectacular scenes. The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius supplies the climax for this powerful picture which was directed by Henry King, best known for his work in "Tol'able David."

"The White Sister" is an Inspiration picture, of which company Charles H. Duesh, Jr., is president and is released through Metro.

The annual meeting of the Pocahontas Unit of the Greenbrier Valley Live Stock Shippers Association will be held at the Farm Bureau office on Tuesday, February 19, at 1:30 p. m. B. E. Creech, of the Extension Department, will be present. All Farm Bureau members are expected to attend.

"Faith Cometh by Hearing and Hearing by the Word of God."—Romans 10, 17.

One Hour To Bible Study
9.45 Every Sunday Morning

The Men's Bible Class of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church cordially and prayerfully invite you
Come and join us in this important work.

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